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FROM AMBASSADOR WOLLE MUSCAT

LONDON FOR LAMBRAKIS

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SUBJ: KUWAITI-OMANI RELATIONS

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1. RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (UNDERSEC AL-ALAWI) CONFIRMED
TO US OMAN RECENTLY ASKED ABDUL LATIF AL-DOWAISAN, KUWAIT EMBASSY
ATTACHE AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. MOST OF THIS SUMMER, TO LEAVE
ON SHORT NOTICE. SAID AL-DOWAISAN HAD BEEN CONDUCTING ACTIVITIES
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NOT WITHIN SCOPE HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES, INCLUDING "MAKING CONTACTS

AND PROPAGANDIZING" IN MANNER INIMICAL TO OMAN'S INTERESTS.
AL-DOWAISON HAD BEEN IN OMAN SINCE END 1972. AL-ALAWI SAID GOK
HAS TAKEN NO RETALIATORY MEASURE SO FAR.

2. SAME OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS OF OMANI
AND KUWAITI AMBASSADORS BEING WITHDRAWN AND EMBASSIES VIRTUALLY
ABANDONED, HE EXPECTS KUWAITI AMBASSADOR AL-JASSIM TO RETURN
MUSCAT THIS WEEK. (EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TELLS US HE EXPECTS AMB
AL-JASSIM HERE ANY DAY, BUT REMARKED THAT RELATIONS INDEED
"DELICATE" BETWEEN OMAN AND KUWAIT.)

3. FROM AL-ALAWI'S COMMENTS, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT LONG-STANDING
OMANI-KUWAITI DIFFERENCES IN POLICY TOWARD PDRY ARE ROOT CAUSE
OF PROBLEM OVER AL-DOWAISAN. AL-ALAWI GAVE FAMILIAR BACKGROUND
OF STRONG DISAGREEMENT WITH GOK LINE THAT BEST WAY OF INFLUENCING
ADEN'S ROLE IN DHOFAR REBELLION IS TO DODDLE PDRY AND ASSIST IT
WITH LOAN FUNDS. REFERRING TO WHAT PRESS DESCRIBES AS OMANI RE-
JECTION OF PROFFERED KUWAITI ONE MILLION DINAR LOAN SOME TIME AGO
ON GROUNDS IT WAS TOO SMALL, AL-ALAWI SAID OMAN WOULD HAVE WELCOMED
THIS OR EVEN SMALLER SUM BUT FOR FACT GOK INSISTED OMAN ACCEPT
ALONG WITH FUNDS SOME TYPE OF KUWAITI OFFICE OR ESTABLISHMENT IN
MUSCAT APART FROM GOK EMBASSY, WHICH OMAN DECLINED TO DO.

4. COMMENT: WHILE OFFICIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES MAY
WELL PROCEED FURTHER DOWNHILL, EXPECTED RETURN KUWAITI AMB MIGHT
INDICATE THIS QUARREL CAN BE CONTAINED WITHOUT FURTHER DISRUPTIONS
AT THIS STAGE.
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